

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether other Governments have condemned milled rice and issued orders to use hand-pounded rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Government are not aware.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor University of Travancore*): I would suggest that the honourable member may consult Dr. Aykroyd who is here,

President : He cannot, as Dr. Aykroyd is not a member of this House.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know whether there is not a paucity of workmen for hand-pounding rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : That is a fact.

Electric lights for Perumbavoor.

13. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any requisition from the inhabitants of Perumbavoor town for providing them with electric light;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative when was such requisition made;

(c) whether Government have accorded any sanction for providing the town with electric light;

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative when was the sanction accorded and the reasons for the delay in providing the town with light; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative what were the reasons for the same?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (a) Yes; there was a requisition from Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.

(b) 6th Chingom 1115.

(c) No.

(d) In view of reply to (c) this does not arise.

(e) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With regard to the answer to part (c) may I know why the sanction of Government was not accorded yet?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It was not applied for.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What was the nature of the requisition referred to in the answer to part (a)?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar put in a petition to the Electrical Engineer saying that the supply of electrical energy should be extended to Perumbavoor.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the petition has been pending before Government?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : The petition has not come up to Government. The Electrical Engineer made the necessary enquiry.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what was the result of the enquiry?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The Electrical Engineer has found that the scheme is worth considering and that when funds are available, steps may be taken to extend the supply of the current to Perumbavoor also.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is not at present more energy than is necessary at Alwaye?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I have no information.

President: It may be so now, but in ten or twelve years more it will be different.

Inspectors and Conductors in the Transport Department.

14. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of Inspectors and Conductors employed in the State Transport Department?

Mr. K. Sankaran: The member is referred to the answers at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII, No. 3 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know how it is possible to refer to the volume and pages indicated in the answer if the answer is laid on the table only 30 minutes earlier?

Mr. K. Sankaran: Though the reference is given I may for the information of the member say that the Transport Department being essentially a Commercial Department, in the matter of recruitment to that Department, communal considerations do not ordinarily arise.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: I rise to a point of order. The member in his answer has referred to a document which is not in our possession now.

President: Technically, I think, the Hon. Member's point of order is correct; because references may be made to the proceedings in this House but not to the proceedings in the other House. But there has been a certain amount of relaxation in regard to this.

Statement by caste of Inspectors and Conductors.

15. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of Inspectors and Conductors in the Transport Department on 1-4-1115?

Mr. K. Sankaran: The member is referred to the answers at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII, No. 3 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.